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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

#### COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—E. R. BELLING, Esq. Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDER, Esq. J. F. CORDON, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SARGENT, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.

#### ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

#### T. JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

## FRIDAY,

the 9th February, 1877, at Noon,—  
Safety Matches, Socks, Toilet Soap, Lavender Water, Barley, Raisins, Bonbons, Blacklead,  
12 cases Soda Crystals,  
50 cases Cognac,  
1 Iron Water Tank,  
8 Water Casks,  
10 bags Oats.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877. fe9

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs HEARD & Co., to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY,

the 12th February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at their Office, Queen's Road,—  
The whole of their OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Desks, Chairs, Tables, Clocks, Letter Press, Inkstands, Stationery, &c., &c.  
Legal and other Books,  
A Collection of Charts,  
One Milner's Patent Fire Resisting Safe, measuring about 4 ft. 10 in. by 8 ft. 11 in. by 3 ft. 10 in.  
One Large Copying Press.  
One Platform Scale.

And,  
One 6-oared House-boat, with Awning, Oars, Iron Davits, Falls, &c.  
Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fe12

## Entertainments.

### HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

## PROGRAMME OF CONCERT

TO BE GIVEN AT THE

### CITY HALL,

This Evening,

February 8th, 1877,

Commencing at 9 o'clock.

#### PART I.

1. Overture.—"The Barber of Seville."—Rossini.
2. Song.—"A life that lives for you."—Sullivan.
3. Trio.—"Mynheer van Dunck."—Bishop.
4. Piano Solo.—"Adagio Grazioso" from 18th Sonata.—Beethoven.
5. Song, with Violoncello Obligato.—"Orpheus with his Lute."—Sullivan.
6. Solo and Chorus.—"With a laugh as we go round," from "The May Queen."—Sternfeld Bennett.

#### PART II.

7. Quartette, for Piano, Violin, Viola and Violoncello.—"Grave and Allegro" from Op. 16.—Beethoven.
8. Barcarole.—"Dormi pure."—Soudert.
9. Violin Solo.—"Oberländer."—Gungl.
10. Four Part Song.—"The Lark."—Mendelssohn.
11. Song.—"My Queen."—Blumenthal.
12. Glee with Solos.—"The he be now a grey grey friar."—Bishop.

Tickets, Price \$2.00 each, may be obtained on and after MONDAY, 5th February, at 10 a.m., from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who have a Plan of the Hall. Tickets may also be obtained at the Door of the Hall on the Evening of the Concert.

T. G. WILLIAMSON,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. fe9

### AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

### THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

ON

## MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held in the Public Gardens on FRIDAY, the 16th, and SATURDAY, the 17th February.

Admission: First Day, ..... \$1.  
Second Day, ..... 50 Cents.

Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877. fe16

## HONGKONG.

### Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

### NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

### CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

adjusted under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. fe1

## AH YON,

### SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF

COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH

PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY List for 1877 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection. Notices of any inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Acting Registrar on or before TUESDAY, the Thirteenth day of February, 1877, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

F. S. RUFFAM,

Acting Registrar.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fe14

## Intimations.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

## ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

## CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

## POMMERY & GRENOS

## "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

### THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1863.

THE KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe15

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe15

### THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

OLYMPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. mo2

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 89, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fe16

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

### HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Office of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Building.

H. DE POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mo1

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL.

By Order,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fe12

### NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to PEDDAR'S HILL.

By Order,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fe12

### OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co.

## NOTICE.

M. R. GEORGE W. BAFLEY has been authorized to Sign the Company's Bills of Lading from and after this date.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe11

### OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co.

## NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have This Day been REMOVED to No. 37, Queen's Road, Central.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe18

## NOTICE.

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Messrs RUSSELL & Co. have This Day assumed charge of their AGENCY at this Port.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe11

## NOTICE.

IN Accordance with the above notification, We have This Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port.

Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 16, Praya Central.

Mr. C. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

### PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bussan S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 17th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe19

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship

"LEONOR,"

Captain M. Young, will be de-

spatched for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877. fe11

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

## NOTICE.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Galley of Lorne*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is given by 5 p.m. To-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 8th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f69

## NOTICE.

THE BRITISH SHIP *TYBURNIA*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the undermentioned Goods per British Ship *Tyburnia*, from London, are requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, failing which they will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense by

MEYER & Co., Agents.

White Stripes, 2103; Red Stripes, 7770—8979 bundles RAILROADS.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f612

## FROM BUSHIRE, BANDER, ABBAS AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gunga*, Captain A. GARCEAU, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

H. A. ASGAR & H. ESMAIL.

Hongkong, January 24, 1877.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Ex *Meikong*, December 29th, 1876. ESD 15 bags White Wax.

Ex *Ada*, January 11th, 1877. THO No. 1, 2 cases Stores.

GD No. 1, 1 case Paper. Ex *Amazona*, January 24th, 1877. DE, one box Sundries.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

M. R. FRITZ LANCER'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mel

## NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Firm is THIS DAY DISSOLVED by consent. The Firm in Liquidation will be signed by Mr J. A. FRASER in Japan, by Mr E. G. LOW in Shanghai, and by Mr T. G. LINGSTAD in Hongkong, or by any one of the Partners.

HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. f611

## NOTICE.

M. R. FREDERICK NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of falling health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

Ms. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIERS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

## NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

## NOTICE.

M. R. J. F. CORDES' Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mel

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

O. KEES.

Canton, January 9, 1877. f69

## NOTICE.

M. R. H. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at Swatow and Hoihow, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. f619

## W. BALL.

## CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG.

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The British Steamship "CYPERNESE" will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Cyphrenes* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow. Goods remaining in Godowns after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f615

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Argyll*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on Board. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f615

BRITISH SHIP *SARAH NICHOLSON*, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f611

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BANDEROWN, British barque, Captain E. W. Crip.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

CZEYAN, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Baker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. H. Wesenberg.—Siemsen & Co.

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt. Golden.—Meyer & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 7, *Paisdo*, British steamer, 882, J. Cain, Bangkok Jan. 30, 1876.—MELCHERS & Co.

Feb. 7, *Chedny Hook Kian*, British steamer, 956, F. Webb, Penang Jan. 24, Singapore 28, and Saigon, Cape St. James Feb. 8, General.—SOON CHEONG & Co.

Feb. 8, *Ningpo*, Brit. str., from Canton.

Feb. 8, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, from Canton.

Feb. 8, *Cyphrenes*, British steamer, 1580, Wood, London Dec. 12, Port Said Jan. 1, Suez 3, Penang 28, and Singapore Feb. 1, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Feb. 8, 11 a.m., *Grouper*, H. M. gunboat, 465, Walter Stewart, Amoy Feb. 6, 8 a.m.

Feb. 8, *Enlai*, British schooner, 318,

## HARDEN, HALPHONG JAN. 30, GENERAL—CAPTAIN.

Feb. 8, *Union*, Spanish schooner, 152, Jose Morlaquevarria, Manila Jan. 30, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.

Feb. 8, 1 p.m., *Argyll*, British steamer, 1271, Scott, Calcutta Jan. 23, Penang 29, and Singapore Feb. 2, 1.30 p.m., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 8, A. F. *Stallrecht*, German barque, 569, P. Schults, Cardiff Sept. 22, Coal.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Feb. 8, *Sarah Nicholson*, British ship, 933, Solikirk, London Sept. 19, General.—MELCHERS & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Feb. 8, *Norma*, for Swatow.

8, *Ada*, for Marseilles, &c.

8, *Peeres*, for Cebu.

8, *Chang Hook Kian*, for Swatow and Amoy.

## CLEARED.

Christian, for Tientsin.

Deutschland, for Tientsin.

Morning Star, for Bangkok.

Ceylon, for New York.

Patroclus, for Shanghai.

Wodan, for Keelung.

Cyphrenes, for Shanghai.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Argyll*, from Singapore, &c., Mr Robertson, and 174 deck.

Per *Zenodo*, from Bangkok, Sundry Chinese.

Per *Chang Hook Kian*, from Penang, &c., 434 Chinese.

Per *Cyphrenes*, from Singapore, 150 Chinese.

Per *Union*, from Halphong, 3 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Ada*, for Saigon, Revd. Henri de Kerlan, Messrs Lajolleur, Giraud, and 7 Chinese; for Singapore, Messrs Antell, D. A. Costa, and 1 Chinese; for Calcutta, Mr Hain; for Rues, Mr Lane; for Marseilles, Mr Roon;—From Shanghai: for Marseilles, Messrs Powrie & Higson, Mrs Bowley Miller and 2 infants, Mr and Mrs Dalgleish and 2 infants, Mr Spence, and 2 Chinese.

—From Yokohama: for Marseilles, Mr and Mrs Colinet, Mr and Mrs Johnson, 3 infants and European nurse, and Mr Louis Arrivet.

Per *Norma*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per *Chang Hook Kian*, for Swatow and Amoy, 400 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Chang Hook Kian* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage, experienced thick weather near Hongkong. The British barque *Enlai*, showing No. T.K.P.G. in Lat. 12.5 N. and Long. 109.37 E., steering to the Southward and Westward.

The British steamer *Cyphrenes* reports: Very heavy weather the first part of the passage, latterly fine. Had light airs and fine weather with smooth water coming up the sea.

The British gunboat *Grouper* reports: Thick and foggy with rain until off Single Island, N.E. breeze from there in.

The British schooner *Union* reports: First part light winds and calms, latter part moderate Easterly winds.

The Spanish schooner *Union* reports: South Easterly and Southerly winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The German barque A. F. *Stallrecht* reports: Down the Channel light Easterly winds until outside Lundy Island, thence S.W. winds and stormy weather. On the 29th Sept. experienced a very heavy gale.

Barometer falling from 30.30 to 28.54, during the gale the wind veered from S.E. round by E. and N. to S.W. The weather continued unsettled until the 8th October, when had fine weather—got S.E. trade winds on 1st Nov. in long. 27 W. Passed Meridian of Greenwich in lat. 38.30 S. on the 26th Nov. Run down easting in lat. 42 S. with variable winds and Southerly gales and heavy squalls. Passed St. Paul's Island on the 21st Dec. Thence fine weather to Sandalwood Island, which was reached on the 9th Jan. Came through Gilolo Passage on the 10th and was becalmed for several days. Thence moderate winds and fine weather to port.

The British ship *Sarah Nicholson* reports: In the English Channel light Westerly winds and fine weather first few days, after which for 14 days heavy W.S.W. gales. On 30th Sept. passed through the centre of a cyclone, the lowest reading of barometer 28.01; lost topsails. Crossed the Equator on the 2nd November in long. 29° W. Thence variable moderately strong winds to the Cape of Good Hope. Passed Meridian of Greenwich 22d Nov. in lat. 36° S. To the Eastward of the Cape experienced strong N.W. gales. Passed Amsterdam Island on the 15th Dec. and from thence moderate variable winds and fine weather. Made Sandalwood Island on the 3rd of January, and on the 8th January in lat. 3.58 S. 124° 27' E. was struck with a heavy squall, which carried away our jibboom, foremast and three topgallantmasts, all sail being set at the time. There being light westerly winds at the time. Off the Asia Islands spoke the British ship *Agnes Muir* from London to Shanghai 114 days out, all well. In the Pacific light northerly air and generally hazy weather. Sighted Bashee on the 8th February and from thence to Pedro Blanco light variable wind.

## CARGO.

Per S. S. *Ada*, sailed 8th February, 1877:—To Continent, 246 bales Silk, 53 cases Silk, 29 cases Essential Oil, 205 rolls Matting, 21 chests and 110 boxes Tea, and 807 cases Sundries. To London, 569 bales Silk, 45 cases Silk, 1 bale Waste Silk, 840 rolls Matting, 2,125 bags Sugar, 9,407 boxes and 887 pkgs. Tea, and 171 cases Sundries.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI:—

Per *PATROCLUS*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 9th inst.

For MANILA:—

Per Schooner *NUYVO CONSTANCE*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For AMOY:—

Per *MADAGASCAR*, at 8.30 p.m., 6th Saturday, the 10th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW:—

Per *LEONOR*, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *LOMBARDY*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 15th February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 14th Inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th Inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FAX of 18 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSURES entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f615

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 19th Instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post Office closes.

2.30 p.m., Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office, Hongkong, February 8, 1877. f619

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *AMAZONE*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 22nd Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *paid to Ceylon only*; they will go on from Ceylon as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 21st Instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd Instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, via Saigon, or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSURES entirely



with the junk. He made search everywhere, and at last he found the junk in Hongkong with the defendant on board. He produced a witness named Wong Aun, who proved that the plaintiff went up to Chun Ohuen in his boat. He saw the plaintiff hand to defendant two bags of silver, one weighing \$60, the other \$80. Mr. Wotton, who appeared for the defendant, then called the defendant, who stated that he resided at No. 7 Tai Wong Lane and was a salt junk trader, that on the 22nd October his nephew Afook brought the plaintiff to him in Tai Wong Lane. Plaintiff asked him to purchase a junk at Chun Ohuen, and after two days' discussion, he agreed to purchase it for \$45. The next day, the 26th October, he gave the plaintiff \$45 for purchasing the junk and \$2 for going up to Canton. He sent a man named Cheong Atai to go up with the plaintiff. Shortly afterwards he received a letter from a friend at Chun Ohuen, telling him that the plaintiff had disappeared from Chun Ohuen after having paid the junk \$30. As the balance of the purchase money had not been fully paid, the junk could not be delivered over. The defendant immediately went up to Chun Ohuen with funds, and after having paid up the balance and had the junk repaired, he brought her to Hongkong and is now trading between here and Toong Koon. He produced a witness Cheong Atai, who generally corroborated his statement. Finally, His Lordship reserved judgment, after a long sitting.

#### RETURN OF VISITORS TO THE CITY HALL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1877.

	European.	Chinese.
Thursday, Feb. 1st,	50	318
Friday, 2nd,	42	412
Saturday, 3rd,	58	107
Sunday, 4th,	37	Sunday
Monday, 5th,	15	143
Tuesday, 6th,	25	284
Wednesday, 7th,	61	317
Totals,	278	1,881
Grand total, 1,887.		

According to the *Army and Navy Gazette* the troopship *Himalaya*, which brings the Artillery relief to the Straits and Hongkong, is due in Pinang on the 2nd and in Singapore on the 5th proximo. She will leave Hongkong on her homeward voyage about the 14th March, and Singapore about the 13th March, taking Rangoon on her way to Colombo, and will probably reach Portsmouth about the 13th May.

In the Indian papers several brief notices of the Siamese Embassy to the Imperial Assembly at Delhi appear, and, curious to say, always in connection with the Siamese Embassy, and they were always smoking. They smoked when they went to the Viceroy's reception, and here is how they appeared on the day he made his grand entry into Delhi.

"All who had tickets for the Jumma Musjid had to be in their places at 1 o'clock. There was one of the balconies facing the river reserved for the politicians and some notable notabilities. In the centre seat was the Yarkand Envoy, dressed in green and gold, with plain grey turban, underneath which was his large well-formed head, and features which a physiognomist would interpret rather kindly than otherwise. On his left was the Siam Deputation, a number of queer little men dressed in black walking coats, wide-awakes and *dhobies*, and smoking cheroots. On their left were the Nepalese representatives, very small gentlemen too, but got up in the undress uniform of our general staff—blue frock coats and gold banded forage caps. One very diminutive officer was, I heard, a Brigadier-General, and he wore an English sword, which seemed almost as long as himself. Two Burmese ladies were also present, and seemed familiar and chatty."

Again on Proclamation Day they and the Nepalese were among the last of the Notabilities to arrive in the amphitheatre and their appearance is described as follows:—

"The Siamese and Nepalese Embassies arrived in the meantime and created a sensation, the former by the tremendous cigars they smoked, and the latter by the plumes and circles of emeralds on their hats."

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#### LATE TELEGRAMS.

The *Straits Times* gives the following telegrams, which furnish a more connected idea of the course of events in Europe than those we have already published:—

#### THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Constantinople, Jan. 12.—The Conference met yesterday, when the Turkish delegates persisted in rejecting the proposals of the Powers. The German delegate declared that any further concession was impossible. No new scheme was presented by the Turkish delegates, as was expected. It is probable that the European plenipotentiaries will make their final communication to the Porte on Monday.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—The Envoys will make their final communication to the Porte on Monday, and will re-assemble on the 18th to receive the reply. If the Porte persists in rejecting the proposals of the Powers, the Envoys will leave Constantinople the following day.

Constantinople, Jan. 15.—It is understood that the Powers have virtually abandoned the demands which were rejected by the Porte, excepting the appointment of a mixed International Commission. The Porte, however, remains obdurate. The statement that the German delegate had declared any further concession impossible has been officially denied.

Constantinople, Jan. 16.—At the Conference to-day Lord Salisbury communicated the final proposals of the Powers, only insisting upon Governors of Provinces being subject to the approval of the Powers for the next five years, and substituting a mixed European and Ottoman, for the International Commission. All the delegates announced that they would leave unless these proposals were accepted. The Turkish delegates replied that they thought it would

be impossible for Turkey to accept these proposals; but they would refer to their Government and answer at the next sitting of the Conference, which takes place on Thursday or Saturday. A Grand Council has been convened to decide the question.

Constantinople, Jan. 18.—The Council convoked to consider the final proposals of the Powers, has unanimously rejected them, as contrary to the integrity and dignity of the Ottoman Empire.

Constantinople, Jan. 18, evening.—The Grand Council to-day, amid shouts of "Death before Dishonour!" resolved that the Ottoman Porte must not further discuss the proposals of the European Powers.

London, Jan. 22.—The prevalent opinion is that immediate war is unlikely. At the Grand Council at Constantinople on the 18th instant, the Christian Patriarchs and Chief Rabbi were present. During the debate the Grand Vizier stated that both England and France had declared that they would neither go to war against Turkey, nor would they assist her.

Austria is now neutral, but it is thought she may possibly be unable to resist the demands of her Slavonic subjects.

Constantinople, Jan. 22.—At the sitting of the Council to-day the Turkish delegates attempted to continue to discuss details, but ignored the essential points of the demands made by the Powers through Lord Salisbury, who thereupon announced the Conference ended.

General Ignatieff held that the Porte was responsible, and hoped that Turkey would respect her Christian subjects, and not molest Serbia or Montenegro.

London, Jan. 22.—The German Official Press is irritated on account of the suspicions of the French papers, arising from the reported attitude of the German delegate at the Conference.

The French Press, in replying, affirms the absolute neutrality and the pacific intentions of France.

#### THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

London, Jan. 18.—Acting on behalf of Lord Salisbury, the Colonial Secretary (Lord Carnarvon), in a despatch, to the Viceroy of India, dated the 12th instant, reviews the importance of the severe distress in Madras and Bombay Presidencies. His Lordship, previous to the receipt of his despatch, was unaware of the vast area of the stricken districts, and was only made acquainted therewith on the receipt of the Duke of Buckingham's despatch, dated 2nd December. Her Majesty's Government have issued instructions to the Viceroy, dated 20th ultimo, to telegraph weekly a summary of actual facts, and to send special narratives by each mail. Lord Carnarvon also assured Lord Lytton of his hearty support in any measures that may be adopted, or be pending, to mitigate the effects of famine, and for due provision of adequate relief. His Lordship also generally approves the measures already adopted by the Government of India and leaves the Viceroy the widest discretion regarding details.

Bombay, Jan. 17.—A *Gazette Extraordinary* publishes a letter addressed to Sir Richard Temple containing the views of Government relative to the scarcity in Madras and Bombay. It indicates generally the course of relief works which should be undertaken, and urges the severest economy to relief measures compatible with the prevention of death from famine. It approves the course taken in Bombay of non-interference with private trade in connection with the supply of grain. It disapproves of the policy adopted in Madras in contracting through a local firm, for 80,000 tons of grain. The same Government has refused applications for authority to make further purchases, being of opinion that the matter should be left to private trade.

Calcutta, Jan. 17.—The *Gazette* publishes a despatch to the Secretary of State regarding the famine in Madras and Bombay. The population affected is said to be twenty-seven millions, and those receiving relief are one and a half millions. The estimate of the cost shows that it will probably be six and a half millions sterling.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Calcutta, Jan. 18.—The Viceroy, and Lady Lytton, with their suite and family, arrived at 4.45, all well.

London, Jan. 15.—With improving weather the disastrous floods which lately occurred in different parts of England are now beginning to subside.

London, Jan. 18.—General John Ewart, it is expected, succeeds General MacDonald in the command of the Rawul Pindia division.

The troopship *Malabar* left Portsmouth for India yesterday.

Madrid, Jan. 16.—The Burmese Embassy has had a State reception here. The Embassy is arranging a commercial treaty between Spain and Burmah.

London, Jan. 18.—In consequence of the Rev. Arthur Tooth, vicar of Hatcham, defying the judgment issued against him by the Court of Arches, the Bishop of the diocese, in order to prevent riots, has closed the church. Lord Penance has ordered the commitment of Mr. Tooth.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A joint committee of Congress has agreed to refer the election of President to a tribunal composed of the members of the Supreme Court and both Houses of Congress.

Calcutta, Jan. 18.—The rumours telegraphed from Rawul Pindia are unfounded. No expedition has been determined on, nor is there any intention of expedition or hostile movement. The military movements referred to simply denote preparations for possible requirements in the present aspect of political affairs in Europe. The relations of the Government of India with Cabul continue of a friendly character. Syad Noor Mohomed and Aka Mohamed Khan, the British Agents, are now on their way to Peshawar, bringing friendly letters from the Amir respecting the mutual relations of the two Governments.

Madras, Jan. 20.—The steamer *Duke of Sutherland* from London, stranded this morning as she was entering the roads. The faintest hopes are entertained by the Marine authorities of getting her off. The steamer *Duke of Devonshire* is assisting. Two efforts have failed.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)  
8th February 1877.

#### BURRING AND WOUNDING.

Liu Ahin, a coolie, was charged by another coolie named Pun-hoong, with cutting and wounding him. The defendant had a grudge against him because he did not give him work when he had a chance. They got into a quarrel, in the course of which the

defendant cut him with a pen-knife which necessitated his admission into Hospital for three days. The defendant confessed to having cut the man and expressed his sorrow. He was sent to six weeks' hard labour.

#### DISTURBANCE.

Hon Afat and four others were brought up for creating a disturbance at Yowmahtee. It appeared that the row originated from a gambling transaction in which the defendants charged each other with swindling. The 2nd defendant was proved to have been convicted before, and was consequently fined \$10, and the others \$5 each.

#### REBUTITION.

Ow Sang, Cheong Sing, Wong Yik and Chu Aking, were again brought up for a burglary at Ping Chow in Chinese territory. The case had been remanded several times for an application of remission being made by the Chinese authorities. The necessary correspondence having passed between the Colonial, Consular, and Chinese authorities, the case came on to-day. The complainant Wong Yee Lin, a resident at Ping Chow—an island about 5 or 6 miles from Hongkong—and a dealer in salt-fish by profession, stated that on the night of the 28th January last, he was absent from home on business, and when he returned on the morning of the 29th, he had ascertained that his house had been burglariously entered by a number of men, who plundered the house of a quantity of clothing. He came here the following day, with the view of finding out the burglars, but thought it was possible that they had come here. He went to the West Point Station, where he saw the prisoners in custody and identified the property. His wife was too ill at present to come to give evidence, while his married daughter, who was in the house at the time, had returned to her husband's home at Sam Chan, but he did not believe either of them would be able to identify the burglars. The case was remanded till the 9th instant, at 9 a.m.

#### LARCENY.

Caltano Lorenzano, a cabin boy, was again brought up for stealing two pairs of trousers from a Chinese shop wherewith he had gone with several comrades to buy things. He took the opportunity of the shopman turning his back to show some other articles to his comrades to make away with the pants. In his defence, however, he stated that he had bought them and produced two comrades who were said to have seen him pay the money, but they could not agree as to the kinds of coins which he had paid. Mr. Russell therefore fined him \$10.

#### CHILD STEALING.

Chun Ahng, a cook, was again brought up before Mr. Russell on a charge of child-stealing preferred by Tam Ayow, a district watchman. The complainant stated that he saw the prisoner leading a boy about 8 years of age at Tank Lane, and offering him for sale to a woman. He asked \$60 for the boy, but the woman did not want to buy. The complainant then walked up to him and asked him about the child. To this he replied that the boy belonged to him, that he was his nephew and that he wanted money to support his family. The complainant then reported the matter to the head district watchman, who in turn reported it to the Registrar General. On the 29th January, he saw the prisoner carrying the child into Bridges Street and he took him into custody. Enquiries were made, when it was found that the child was Shuk Lung. The child was missed on the 23rd January last and nothing was heard until the adopted father saw a placard at Shuk Lung. He knew the prisoner, he frequently came to visit him and was always well treated by him at Shuk Lung. The Magistrate sent him to two years' hard labour.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### "I CONCUR."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1877.

SIR,—I quite agree with the remarks of "Old Stager" as regards the morning training at the Rencooners. We go regularly like to see the "mokes" go round, and I know it would be a great deal to the liberal-minded owner in the North for his ponies to be trained in the dark. This latter idea was introduced by the Coast people, more particularly by one gentleman—possibly because it was long heavy on his hands during the day, and he did not want to start from bed "ere daylight broke," as much as anything else. I recollect hearing a gallant officer in this Colony remark, one fine morning, to a group of old and young sports, that of all the places he had ever been in—and he has no doubt a very extended experience, for he has been most everywhere—that in no place had he ever seen training or racing so open and fairly conducted as in Hongkong. So you see, Hongkong has a character to keep up, and it is well to be careful of it. "But to return to our mutton (as Philip Augustus used to say in his young days), in justice to all concerned it ought to be mentioned that, four days before the letter of "Old Stager" appeared, it had been intimated that the training was to be held in the morning, so that all might see the ponies; and I know it was only by accident that the "mokes" in question did not commence to show up on the morning of the 6th. "All's well that ends well."

Yours &c.,  
ANOTHER OLD STAGER.

#### The Straits.

(Singapore Times.)

An important case of defamation of character, in which Mr. Sheriff, the head clerk of Messrs. Aitken & Co., is the prosecutor, is being tried to-day (Jan. 25th) before Mr. Justice Ford, in the Supreme Court. Incidentally, evidence has come out regarding lawyers' fees, which produced some comments from the Bench regarding the distinction between the fees of an Attorney and a Barrister in the Colony. We shall furnish a report of the trial when concluded.

His Majesty the King of Siam has presented Capt. Wharton of the S. S. *Celestial* with a handsome gold cigar box, as a mark of appreciation of the skill displayed by him in a late voyage in averting a collision with His Majesty's Yacht in the Bangkok

River, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty.

From Java papers to the 13th January the following items are translated:—

"On the 5th instant, an American vessel named the *Gentoo* laden with petroleum, from New York struck upon, and became fixed on Neptunus Sandbank. From the look-out station she could be plainly discerned. The crew at first would not leave her. The steamer *Prins Alexander* of the N. I. S. N. Company, by means of pulleys, took away from her 1,400 cases of petroleum. The ship and whatever cargo may still be on board of her are to be sold by public auction."

"The American ship *Gentoo*, sold to-day (Jan. 13th) by public auction, along with the cargo still on board of her, brought the amount of 21,000 guilders."

The French war steam transport, *La Creuse*, from Saigon, with dates to the 25th instant, arrived alongside the Borneo Co.'s wharf yesterday morning (Jan. 28th), and left for Toulon this morning, with 400 French naval and military passengers.

The troopship *Orontes*, with the 10th Regiment for England, and two companies of the 80th Regiment for Mauritius, left Singapore on the 29th Jan. for Portsmouth via the Cape.

The following account of the execution of Maharajah Lela, Datin Sagor, and Pandak Indut, has been forwarded to us:—

"Maharajah Lela, Datin Sagor and Pandak Indut were launched into eternity on Saturday morning last; the first met his fate without uttering a word, he walked boldly up the scaffold in a manner which the Malays commonly say—"brani buai brani mati"; the second and third, I am told, asked that they might be strung up at Qualla Kangas; they were both forced to go up the gallows; the second (Sagor) broke or snapped two handkerchiefs off, and when the drop fell, he held the rope tightly with one hand, raised himself up a little, and put both his legs round the post, but of course he was overpowered and had to submit to die after all."

By the steamer *Pyah Pekhet*, which arrived here yesterday morning (Jan. 28), we have received intelligence to the effect that on the day H. M.'s 74th Highlanders arrived at Qualla Kangas, two of the privates went to bathe in the river, and on account of the force of the current somewhat resembling a whirlpool, were carried to the bottom. Lance Corporal Carter swam out to their assistance, and was also drowned. Subsequently, Lieut. Swinburn, of H. M.'s 80th Regiment (now Superintendent of the Perak Police), went out in a boat in search of the drowned men, but only succeeded in finding one of the corpses. A reward of Ten Dollars each for the recovery of the other two corpses was offered by H. M.'s Resident, but up to the date of the *Pyah Pekhet's* departure they could not be found.

#### Australian Items.

The *Straits Times*, summarizing the news from Australia, gives the following jottings. Papers by the *Somerset* from Ootakown are to 6th January:—

The Governments of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia are in communication with Lord Carnarvon about their defences. Sir Hercules Robinson telegraphed on their behalf on the 18th December, asking if Col. Jervoise, R.E., could come out at the expense of the Colonies to report on their defences, and if so what would be the cost. A Melbourne telegram states that Col. Sir W. F. Jervoise, R.E., is the officer mentioned as likely to visit the Colonies to report on the defences. The New South Wales sixteen won their Cricket match against the All England Eleven on the 11th December by two wickets and four runs.

The Queensland Government has accepted an offer of the Australian Navigation Co. for a weekly coastal service at a subsidy of £8,000 per annum, and the steamers commenced running between Brisbane and Ootakown via ports on the 1st January. Hodgkinson's exploring party arrived at Townsville on the 19th December and reported the discovery of a new port in the Gulf of Carpentaria for the Ootakown mines on the Leichard river which has deep water at its mouth.

The E. & A. M. Co.'s steamer *Brisbane* had been quarantined on her arrival at Sydney on account of small-pox on board. The export of gold from Ootakown in 1876 amounted to 187,891 ounces, valued at £75,564, and it is estimated that of this amount the Chinese took away over 50,000 ounces.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Ootakown and Sydney by the outbreak of small-pox on board the *Brisbane*. Another steamer arrived at Ootakown, the *Melba* from Hongkong, with small-pox on board and was quarantined. Ootakown has been proclaimed under the Health Act.

Mr. Carl Fellberg, Editor of the *Ootakown Courier*, was horsewhipped in the Council Chamber on the 21st December by Dr. Youngson in consequence of a disagreeing article in the *Courier* upon the Doctor's treatment of a Chinaman. The Editor was engaged reporting the Council proceedings, when the Doctor, a gaily old man of 80, suddenly appeared, pulled a horsehair out of his trousers' pocket, and laid on. He was fined \$5.

The subsidy to the Netherlands India Steam Navigation Company for the mail service between Java and Australia amounts to £18,668, half from South Australia and half from Java. The steamers must be 1,000 tons capacity, and it is said the service will be continued to China.

A conference is to be held in Sydney of representatives from all the Australian Colonies to consider the duplication of the cable between Australia and India.

#### A QUESTION OF TOTAL LOSS AND PERIL OF THE SEA.

In August, 1874, Schroder & Co. of this city, shipped on the Pacific Mail steamship *Colorado*, for Batavia, 4,851 sacks of wheat, valued at \$16,000. They effected an insurance with the Agency of the Swiss Lloyd Marine Insurance Company of Winterthur. By the terms of the policy the wheat was to go forward on the *Colorado* and connections. The insurance was for general average and total loss only, unless stranded or burned. At Yokohama the wheat was landed and a portion sent forward on the vessel and the remainder

on another. One shipment from Hongkong reached its destination safely. The other shipment was taken to Hongkong and placed in a warehouse not far from the water, awaiting transportation to Batavia. But a typhoon swept over the place and the warehouse was submerged and the wheat destroyed. The underwriters refused to pay the claim presented, and an action was brought by Schroder & Co. in the Fourth District Court to recover \$10,245.84, the value of the lost wheat. The complaint was demurred to on the ground that there was not total loss, and that the wheat was not destroyed by the peril of the sea. In passing upon the demurrer, to-day, Judge Morrison said that to determine the first of the questions it must be determined what is meant by "connections." The counsel for the defence took the ground that it meant a direct connection with the *Colorado* at Yokohama. On the other hand, it was claimed that there might be many connections by dividing the shipment to go forward from Yokohama, and that the loss of any one of these shipments was a total loss within the meaning of the insurance policy. The meaning of the "connection" could be ascertained by the terms of the policy. The question whether it was understood that one vessel only should be used in carrying the shipment, or that it was contemplated to send forward by several vessels, could only be ascertained on the trial. It was the impression of the Judge that the loss occurred by peril of the sea. The waves of the ocean submerged the warehouse and destroyed the wheat. He was disposed to think the demurrer not well taken, and it was therefore overruled.

#### THE USE OF GUN-COTTON AT SEA.

There would seem to be no limit to the usefulness of gun-cotton, the peculiar properties of which are now thoroughly well known. The *Daily News* says:—

An advertisement announces that "a fog signal has been established near the north-west end of Heligoland, on the summit of the land, which is 165 feet above high water, wherefrom during foggy weather will henceforth be produced, by the explosion of gun-cotton, a report similar to that of a gun every fifteen minutes." This, the first employment of gun-cotton for signalling purposes by the Trinity House, which we called attention some months ago, is likely to open a new era in the history of coast warnings. A dense fog which obscures the most powerful light signals, it seems, to transmit sound rather than densen it, and the consequence is that in thick weather sound signals are the only guide upon which mariners can place reliance. The advantages of gun-cotton detonation under these circumstances appear to be that the sharp crack produced is of an exceedingly penetrating character, and although it is likened in the announcement to the discharge of a gun, this is done, we suppose, simply because the Trinity House authorities are at a loss to compare it with anything else. Those experienced in the two sounds, however, would have no difficulty in distinguishing the short, sudden crack of gun-cotton detonation from the noisy boom of a gun. Another recommendation for the use of gun-cotton in repeating signals is to be found in the facility with which it is employed. A half-pound slab of the compound being hung upon wires in any suitable position, a fuse fixed in the centre of the charge is detonated by the aid of an electric current from a battery or machine near at hand. At Heligoland, we are told, such an explosion will be brought about every quarter of an hour during the period of a fog, so that when this lasts a couple of days or so, as is not unfrequently the case in the neighbourhood of that island, the lighthouse-keepers or signalmen will have a busy time of it. So effective is this simple mode of signalling considered by naval men, that the Admiralty contemplate its adoption in the Navy, where it will be employed in the case of a fleet or squadron moving together in foggy weather. The loss of the *Vanguard*, it will be remembered, was in the main due to imperfect signalling arrangements and to the inability of the steam whistles to produce sufficient sound, so that the provision of a more efficient system of signals on board would obviously be an additional safeguard to our ships. Already steps have been taken to provide our larger vessels with that most brilliant of artificial lights, the electric lamp, for signalling and illuminating purposes in the dark; and the adoption of an effective means of signalling in a fog would be scarcely less useful.

#### THE POPULATION OF THE EARTH.

From the annual report (fourth) on the population of the earth lately published by the German firm of Behn & Wagner, it may be gathered that the whole population of the globe is estimated at 1,428,817,000, and the area of the land surface is calculated at 51,344,800 square miles, thus giving an average of a fraction more than 27 people to the square mile. But the returns, if correct, show that the land surface of the globe has decreased by 83,349 sq. miles since last year! This decrease appears to have been greatest in America, but the returns from all the rest of the world are to the same effect. This is not to be attributed to any shrinking of the land surface, or the "rising of the waters," but to the more extended and accurate surveys that have been carried out in America particularly, and nearly everywhere. The population has, as a matter of absolute fact, increased by upwards of 27 millions as compared with that shown in the returns for last year, but it must not be imagined that the preponderance of births over deaths during the year has caused this great increase. It is because greater care has been taken in India and Europe in collecting the censuses, and the receipt of more accurate information about parts of the world regarding the population of which erroneous ideas had previously been held. The number of souls in all British India is set down at 230 millions, and of the East Indian Islands (in which Singapore and Pinang are included) and Annam, 21 millions, an increase over last year, which has mainly occurred in the latter country, though from what cause or causes we are not told. China, including Hongkong, is put down at 403 millions, with 954 millions of out-living people. Hongkong has lost more than 2,000 since 1875. The whole area of British possessions abroad, excluding the protected Indian States, is calculated at 7,964,762 square miles, with a population of 23,941,768 souls, or somewhat more than half of the population of the Flowery Land.

#### SHELLEY AS A BOY.

The poet Shelley, as a small boy, was an eccentric little being. He used to dress his four sisters to represent demons, and filling a fire-stove with some inflammable fluid and setting it alight, he would march the diabolical procession to the back door. His great delight was to teach his infant brother school-boy words, and his first attempt at his knowledge of the devil was an innocent "Debbec." As a boy at Eton, he would watch the live-long night for ghosts, and consulted his books how to raise one. His diet in after years was meagre enough to bring him weird fancies. Bread became his chief sustenance, and his pockets were generally well stored with it. A circle upon the carpet clearly defined by an ample verge of crumbs often marked the spot where he had long sat at his studies, his face nearly in contact with his book, devouring bread at intervals amid his profound abstractions. Sometimes he ate raisins with it, and his sweet tooth was immense. Occasionally when walking in London with a friend he would suddenly dash into a baker's shop and emerge with a supply of bread, which he would break and offer a half to his companion, and very much surprised he would be when anybody refused the delicacy.—*Selected.*

#### Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$575 credit, 677½  
" New Benares, cash, 545 credit, 547½  
" New Malwa, cash, 555 credit, 560  
" Allowance Tael, 570 credit, 575  
" Old Malwa, cash, 570 credit, 575

CANPHOR, ... 18  
QUICKSILVER, ... 68  
SALT-PETRE, ... 5.00

#### Exchange.

Bank, 3d demand, ... 4/2  
" 30 days sight, ... 4/2  
" 6 months sight, ... 4/8  
Credits, ... 4/8  
Documentary, 6 months sight, ... 4/8  
Bombay, ... 238½  
Calcutta, ... 238½  
Shanghai, demand, ... 73½  
" 30 days, ... 75  
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 84 prem.  
Mexican, ... 1  
Gold Leaf, ... 24.88  
English Sovereigns, ... 4.76  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.76  
Discount, ... 10 c 12 ½

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 30  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$675  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$185  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$185  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$680  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$200  
North China Ins. Co., \$185  
Yantai Ins. Association, \$185  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 47½  
E.E. & C. M. S.-boat Co., \$12 dls.  
Shanghai Steam N. Co., \$18 ex div.  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$62½  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$60

#### Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs. Falcouner & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)  
Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1877.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.200  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.130  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.078  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 62  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 61½  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 61  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 60  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 60  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 60  
Do. Maximum, ... 62½  
Do. Minimum over night, 62

#### Shipping Intelligence.

##### HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.  
June 9, Aurora, from Richmond, U. S. to Hongkong.  
Sept. 16, Western Belle, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hongkong.  
Sept. 23, Agnes Muir, from London to Shanghai.  
Oct. 3, Bulls of Oregon, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Oct. 5, Wegs, from Hamburg to Chetoo.  
Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Hongkong.  
Oct. 12, Omaha, from London to Shanghai.  
Oct. 14, Sir Harry Parkes, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 12, Lina, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to Shanghai.  
Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 4, Bagdad, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, Carriacks, from London to Hongkong.  
Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 19, Cainsamir (str.), from London to China and Japan.  
Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hongkong.

##### LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal:  
Viking, Gadabidi, States of Louisiana, Macgregor.  
Sailing vessels:  
Ceylon, Commissary, Forward Ho, O. R. Bishop, Antwerp, Daphne.  
At Liverpool:  
Duna, Ulysses (str.).  
Nest



## Insurance.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.**  
 AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.  
 Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.  
 NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.  
**JAS. B. COUGHTRY,**  
*Secretary.*  
 Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

**(FIRE AND LIFE.)**  
**CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.**  
 THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mats, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.  
 Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.  
 If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.  
 For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to  
**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
*Agents Hongkong & Canton.*  
 Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
**MELOHERS & Co.,**  
*Agents, Royal Insurance Company.*  
 Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)**  
**NOTICE.**  
 POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

**OLYMPHANT & Co.,**  
*General Agents.*  
 Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.  
**NORTON & Co.,**  
*Agents.*  
 Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.  
 ESTABLISHED 1809.  
 CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.  
**GILMAN & Co.,**  
*Agents.*  
 Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
 INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—  
**Marine Department.**  
 Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.  
**Fire Department.**  
 Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.  
**Life Department.**  
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
 Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## Mails.

**STEAM FOR**  
 Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;  
 ALSO,  
 Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship LOMBARDY, Captain Hall,** will leave this on THURSDAY, the 15th February, at Noon.  
 For further Particulars, apply to  
**A. McIVER, Superintendant.**  
 Hongkong, February 3, 1877. fcl5

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.**

**TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.**

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.  
 Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.  
 Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 28th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.  
 Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.  
 For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.  
**G. B. EMORY, Agent.**  
 Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mel

**To Let.**

**N. O. 3, PEORIA TERRACE, ELGIN STREET,** with Immediate Possession.  
 Apply to  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
 Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

**TO BE LET.**  
 THE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of the HORNE COMPANY.  
**TURNER & Co.**  
 Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

**TO LET.**  
 HOUSE No. 14, Gough Street.  
 Apply to  
**J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.**  
 Hongkong, February 2, 1877. felt

**TO LET.**  
 HOUSE No. 7, Cadogan Road, lately occupied by Mr. PARKER.  
 House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD.  
**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**  
 Hongkong, January 10, 1877.

**TO BE LET.**  
 THE Premises at present occupied by the International Ice Manufacturing Co., Limited.  
 For particulars, apply to  
**MEYER & Co.**  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1876.

**TO LET.**  
 THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.  
 Apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.**  
 Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

**FOR SALE.**

**CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s** Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.  
 Apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.**  
 Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

**HONG LISTS.**

Circular, large sheet.  
 THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.  
 Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.  
 At the "China Mail" Office.

## For Sale.

**SAYLE & Co.**  
**GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.**  
 IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.  
 On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.  
 DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.  
 DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.  
 DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.  
 DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.  
 DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.  
 FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard; (these are more or less solely) original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.  
 JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.  
 WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACQUETS, Marked very Cheap.  
 LADIES' BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.  
 FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.  
 LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.  
 100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.  
 Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Market at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.  
 In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 14th.

**SAYLE & Co.,**  
**VICTORIA EXCHANGE,**  
**Queen's Road & Stanley Street.**

**NOW READY.**

**RENG-SHUI; or, THE RIVULETS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA.** By Dr. E. J. BENT. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.  
**BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR BELIEFS, in three Lectures.** By Dr. E. J. BENT. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.  
 Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.  
 Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

**TUBORG FABRIK DANISH BEER.**  
 TO BE HAD FROM  
**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
 Hongkong, January 15, 1877. felt

**WASHING BOOKS.**  
 (In English and Chinese.)  
**WASHERMAN'S BOOKS,** for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.  
**CHINA MAIL OFFICE.**

**Intimations.**

**AFONG,**  
 PHOTOGRAPHER,  
 by appointment, to  
**H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,**  
 GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;  
 and to  
**H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,**  
 Wyndham Street, formerly ALEXANDER CLUB.  
 HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Photographs enlarged from O. D. V. size to life size and coloured in oil. A new apparatus for Photography has been received from England; he is prepared to take Photos. of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance.  
 Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

**EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1876.**

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the Intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.  
 For the Consul,  
**G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.**  
 Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

**THE CHINESE MAIL.**

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE CHINESE MAIL.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion; and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent. on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.  
 Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports there than one agent has been appointed at each.

**OHUN ATIN,**  
*Manager.*  
 Hongkong, February 28, 1876.

## Intimations.

**NOTICE.**  
 ON and after the 15th of January, my Charge for Brokerage on all SHARES will be HALF PER CENT. on the Full Amount, to be Paid by the Seller only.  
**W. M. MORGAN,**  
*Broker.*  
 Hongkong, January 13, 1877. fcl8

**NOTICE.**  
**THE CHINESE MAIL.**

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum. The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisement.  
 The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.  
 For terms, &c., address  
**MA OHUN ATIN,**  
*Manager.*  
 China Mail Office,  
 17th February, 1874.

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.**

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.  
 The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.  
 The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.  
**D. C. PRESGBAYE,**  
*Municipal Secretary.*  
 Penang,  
 Municipal Office,  
 The 21st September, 1876.

**THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.**

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—  
**Macao.**—Man Chuen Shop.  
**Canton.**—Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Ohn Hing Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Tan Teal Street; Mr. Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwei Heung Shop, Sin Cheong, Honam.  
**Singapore.**—Sui Cheong Hong; Woh Shun Loong Hong.  
**Amoy.**—Ohn Cheong Hong, Mook Kek Street.  
**Foochow.**—Mr. Yui Ching Cheong, Foochow Arsenal; Mr. Lam Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs.  
**Shanghai.**—Mr. Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr. Ho Yue Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr. Chuen Sing Hoi, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.; Mr. Kwong Chuen Fook, Educational Mission School; and Mow Sing Sang Kee shop.  
**Ningpo.**—Mr. Sung Min Chee, Maritime Customs.  
**Hankow.**—Yee Hing Hong.  
**Chefoo.**—Yee Shun Hong.  
**Japan.**—Mr. Leong Chuen Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama.  
**Saigon.**—Wohang Hong.  
**Singapore.**—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong.  
**Penang.**—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.  
**Calcutta.**—Mow Sing Company.  
**San Francisco.**—Kwong Fong Tai Hong.  
 The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express courier who carries the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.  
 Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

**P. F. DA SILVA,**  
**GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,**  
 TAKAO and TAIWANPOO. fcl22

**Now Ready.**

**THE CHINA REVIEW.**  
 Vol. V., No. 2.  
 Annual Subscription, postage included, \$3.50.

**CONTENTS.**  
 Essays on the Chinese Language, (Continued from page 55).  
 Establishment of American Trade at Canton.  
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 The Law of Inheritance.  
 Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.  
 Notes and Queries.  
 Validity of Chinese Marriage.  
 Money Loan Associations.  
 Bean Cake as a Manure.  
 Pidgin English.  
 Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

**OHUN ATIN,**  
*Manager.*  
 China Mail Office,  
 Hongkong, January 12, 1877.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, January 27, 1877.  
 At 1075 Cash per Dollar American.

Butcher Meat.			
Bacon, English, lb.	450	400	
" Ame. Sugar cured "	300	280	
" Foodow, "	160	140	
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy.	160	150	
Beef Corned, "	150	140	
" Roast, "	150	140	
" Soup, "	90	80	
" Steak, "	150	140	
Bullocks' Brains, per set	60	50	
" Tongue, fresh, each	275	250	
" " corned, "	320	300	
" Head, "	600	500	
" Heart, "	150	140	
" Feet, "	50	40	
" Kidneys, "	80	50	
" Tail, "	100	90	
" Liver, "	80	60	
" Tripe (undressed), catty	50	40	
Calves' Head and Feet, set	500	400	
Hams, American, lb.	300	280	
" Chinese, "	160	170	
" English, "	360	340	
Mutton Chop, "	170	140	
" Leg, "	170	140	
" Shoulder, "	140	120	
" Liver, "	120	110	
Pigs' Chittlings, catty	60	50	
" Feet, "	100	90	
" Fry, "	110	100	
" Head, "	90	80	
" Heart, "	60	50	
" Kidneys, "	80	70	
" Liver, lb.	100	80	
Pork, Chop, catty	150	140	
" Corned, "	180	120	
" Leg, "	180	140	
" Fat or Lard, "	110	100	
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	340	220	
" Heart, catty	50	40	
" Kidneys, "	80	70	
Sticking Pigs, "	1750	1000	
Veal, catty	140	120	

Carrots, Salt, catty	20	—
Carrots, Fresh, "	40	30
Cauliflower, "	70	30
Celery, Chinese, catty	40	30
" English, "	50	40
Cucumbers, "	60	40
Chilies, Dried, "	150	100
" Mixed, "	60	50
Curry Stuff, English, "	40	30
Egg Plant, "	40	35
Garlic, (bulb) dried, "	50	40
Ginger, "	30	20
Greens, White, "	12	10
" Winter course, "	15	—
Green, Sprouts, "	20	15
Green Peas, in shell, old, "	60	50
" " young, "	40	—
" Horse Radish, S'hai, "	225	200
Lettuce, Chinese, "	25	20
" English, head, "	10	—
Mit, catty	12	15
Mushroom, dried, "	750	650
Onions, Bombay, "	110	100
" Green, "	20	—
Parsley, Chinese, "	50	—
" English, bunch, "	12	10
Potatoes, California, catty	17	15
" new, Macao, "	15	13
" Sweet, "	12	10
Pumpkins, "	20	15
Radishes, doz.	80	20
Scallions, catty	20	15
Shalots, "	40	35
Seamum, "	120	100
Taro (U Tau), "	12	10
Tomatoes, "	60	40
Turnips, Salt, "	20	15
" English, each	10	—
" Chinese, catty	15	10
Water Lily Roots, "	25	20
Water Cress, bunch	20	10
Yams, catty	80	20

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